State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2004

572J0542 SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO. SB 145 - 02/05/2004

Introduced by: Senators Koetzle, Abdallah, and Kloucek and Representatives LaRue, Miles, Nesselhuf, and Thompson

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding pensions allowed
- 2 firefighters for impairment caused by cancer.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 9-16-3.3 be amended to read as follows:
- 5 9-16-3.3. A pension may shall be allowed pursuant to § 9-16-3.2 for any condition of
- 6 impairment of health caused by primary brain cancer, malignant melanoma, leukemia, multiple
- 7 myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, bladder cancer, ureter cancer, and kidney cancer resulting
- 8 in total or partial disability to an officer or member of a fire department who has served at least
- 9 <u>five years, and</u> who, upon entering such service <u>or after employment</u>, successfully passed a
- 10 physical examination which failed to reveal any evidence of such condition. This section
- 11 pertains solely to pension matters under this chapter and does not restrict a claimant's ability to
- 12 file for benefits under chapter 62-8 or change the burden of proof established in § 62-8-12. Any
- total disability allowance provided by this section shall be equal to seventy-five percent of the
- 14 <u>highest annual compensation earned in any of the previous three years immediately preceding</u>
- 15 the date of the disability.

